

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested respectfully.

Claims 1 to 79 are pending in the application. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Applicants have noticed that extraneous text is present on page 139 of the application, between Claims 8 and 9. The amendment is intended to delete the text from after the period at the end of Claim 8 (on line 9 of the page), to the start of Claim 9. Applicants expressly state that this amendment does not alter or narrow the scope of Claim 8.

The Office Action dated December 12, 2001 relates to an election of species only. It is Applicant's understanding that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicant's claims. It is also Applicant's understanding that if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims.

Applicants hereby elect the third species defined in Claim 46 and prepared in Example 3 at page 107, namely, 2-[7-({N-[3-(2-{[7-(N-hydroxycarbamoyl)(3S,6R,7S)-4-aza-6-(2-methylpropyl)-11-oxa-5-oxobicyclo[10.2.2]hexadeca-1(15),12(16),13-trien-3-yl]carbonylamino}acetylamino)propyl]carbamoyl}methyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraaza-4,10-bis(carboxymethyl)cyclododecyl]acetic acid.

CONCLUSION

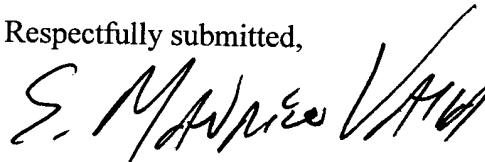
Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The extraneous text after the end of Claim 8, and before Claim 9, from line 10 to 17 on page 139, has been deleted.